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## PATENT APPLICATION

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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YAO et al.

Art Unit: 1654

Application No.: 10/786,457

Examiner: H. Khanna

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 108172-00107

For: ENZYME-CATALYZED ISOTOPE LABELING

### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 3, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 3, 2006**, the Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-15, drawn to a method of labeling peptides comprising incorporating isotope atoms into peptides formed from proteins digested by proteolytic enzymes.

Applicants hereby also elect trypsin as the species of proteolytic enzyme. Claims 1-3 and 7-15 read on the elected species, and claim 1 is generic.

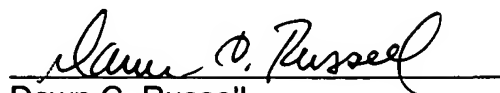
These elections are made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected subject matter.

Accordingly, timely examination and favorable action on the claims is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with

this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing docket number 108172-00107.

Respectfully submitted,

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